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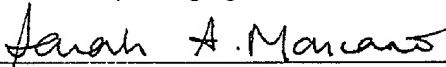
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This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed December 7, 2005, setting a one-month period for reply and containing a restriction requirement. In response, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the claims of Group I. As this response is being filed prior to the end of the period for reply, it is believed that no fees are due by entry of this paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fee, or credit any overpayment in fees, to Deposit Account 50-0320.